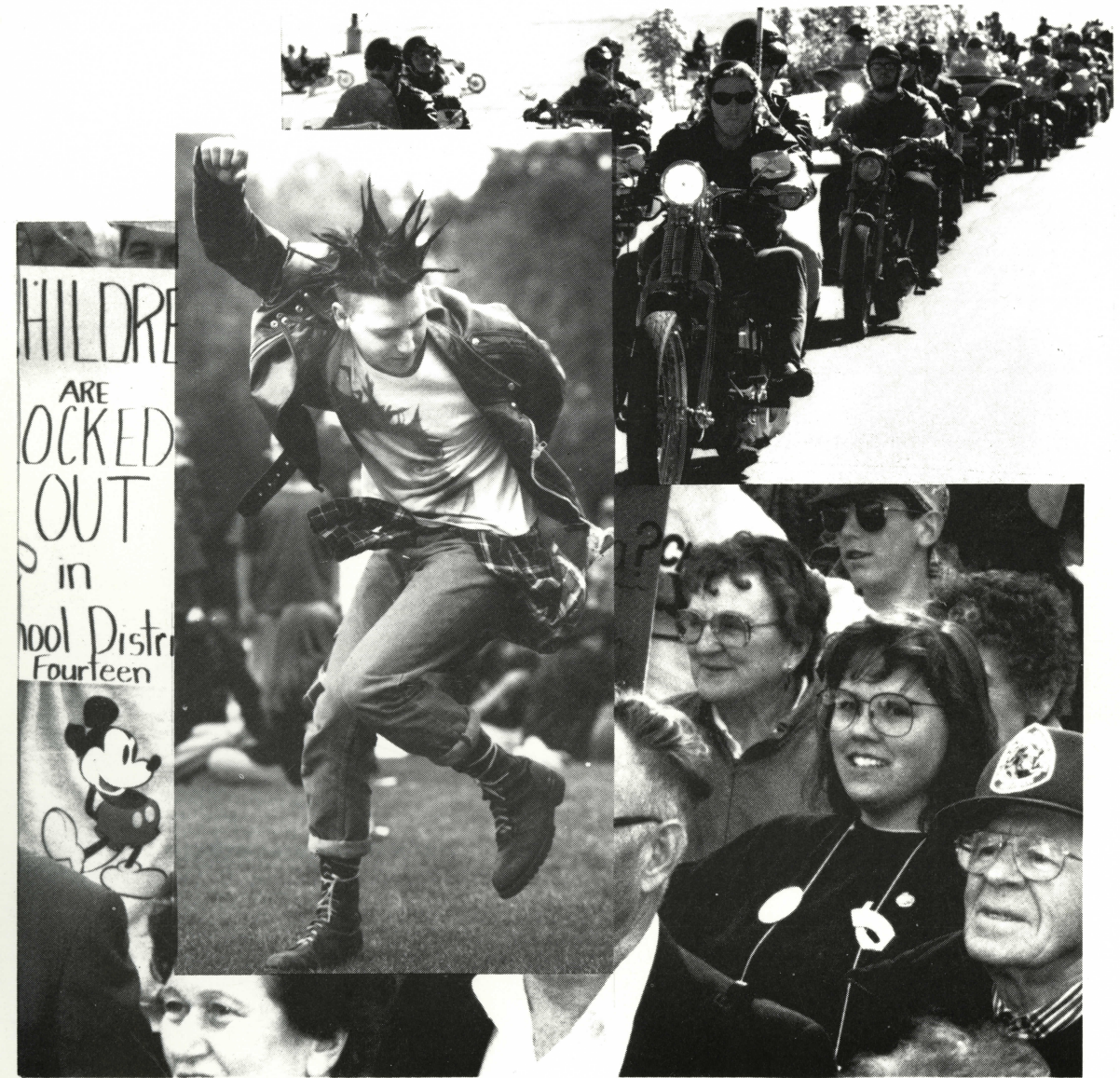



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Sociology Handbook

Sociology: An Introduction

What Is Sociology?

Sociologists study society. More precisely, they study the patterns and social relations found in groups of all sizes—families, communities, racial and ethnic groups and whole nations. From its origins in the late 18th century, Sociology has been centrally concerned with processes of social change and the emergence of modern industrial societies. Many sociologists focus on developments in contemporary societies; others give Sociology a strongly historical flavour by seeking to understand societies of the past. To understand our own culture in detail, we need to make cross-cultural comparisons, comparing and contrasting distinctive features of Canadian society—the criminal justice system, organized sport, medicare, the family, social movements, gender socialization, the mass media, the workplace, education, race and ethnicity and the natural environment—with those of other nations.

In studying the patterns of social relations, sociologists pose questions at various levels: some treat big or macro-social issues of nationalism, institutional violence against women, war and world economies; others direct attention to small, micro-social interaction at the level of everyday life in the grocery mart, at church, or on the street corner. One of the main objectives of Sociology is to stimulate critical thinking about the world around us. Challenging the commonplace assumptions of how society works can be both invigorating and unsettling. Sociology offers the opportunity to better understand how attitudes, behaviours and chances in life are shaped by the social, economic and political context in which you grew up. It also promises greater knowledge of Canada—its peoples, traditions, institutions and cultures.

**Human beings cannot live together without
acknowledging and, consequently, making mutual
sacrifices Every society is a moral society.**

Emile Durkheim

What Kinds of Jobs are Available to a Sociology Graduate?

In a society undergoing massive social, economic and political change, a major (or minor) in Sociology is useful in many occupations. A degree in sociology at UCC prepares the student to enter a number of fields in the labour force. Here are a few of the many possible jobs:

- policy analyst
- social researcher
- human relations officer
- criminologist
- labour relations officer
- urban and regional development and planning
- administration
- consumer marketing
- journalist
- producer of educational programs

A number of other fields are related to sociology, and a sociology degree would favourably prepare the graduate to pursue:

- a Bachelor of Education degree
- a law degree (LLB)
- a business degree (MBA)
- graduate degrees in:
 - Sociology
 - Criminology
 - Journalism
 - Education
 - Public Administration
 - Social Work

If men [sic] define situations as real, they are real in their consequences.

**W. I. Thomas,
American sociologist (1928)**

Vive le Quebec libre!

Think globally, act locally
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Knowledge for Whom?

**Women's studies,
Black studies, Native studies,
Labour studies,
Canadian studies,
Gay and Lesbian studies,
International studies.**

**Student power, Civil Rights,
Women's Liberation,
Aboriginal self-government,
Worker power,
Gay Liberation,
Green Consciousness**

**Be Realistic.
Demand the
Impossible!**

The Personal is Political

Course Offerings, Year One: 1995-96

Fall Term		Winter Term	
Intro 1	SOCI 111	Intro 2	SOCI 121
Intro 2	SOCI 121+	Intro 1	SOCI 111+
Canadian Social Structure	SOCI 210	Race & Ethnicity	SOCI 201
Women in Comparative Perspective	SOCI 213	Marriage & Family	SOCI 216
Criminology	SOCI 250	Medical Sociology	SOCI 226
Canadian Society	SOCI 310F	Natural Resources	SOCI 261++
Gender and Sex	SOCI 312F	Canadian Society	SOCI 310W
Deviance	SOCI 368F	Gender and Sex	SOCI 312W
Family and Kinship	SOCI 413	Social Inequality	SOCI 361
Social Change	SOCI 462F	Deviance	SOCI 368W
Socialization & Education	SOCI 466	Qualitative Methods	SOCI 382
Religion	ANTH 415F	Social Change	SOCI 462F
		Religion	ANTH 415F

F and W = Fall and Winter halves of 6-credit course
+ One section only
++ Pending approval of this new course

The philosophers have only interpreted the world. The point, however, is to change it.

Karl Marx

Course Offerings, Year Two: 1996-97

Fall Term		Winter Term	
Intro 1	SOCI 111	Intro 2	SOCI 121
Intro 2	SOCI 121+	Intro 1	SOCI 111+
Canadian Social Structure	SOCI 210	Race & Ethnicity	SOCI 201
Women in Comparative Perspective	SOCI 213	Popular Culture	SOCI 230++
Collective Behaviour	SOCI 220++	Criminology	SOCI 250
Careers in Crime	SOCI 259	Natural Resources	SOCI 261++
Theory	SOCI 350F	Theory	SOCI 350 W
Survey Design	SOCI 380	Work	SOCI 352
Feminist Theory	SOCI 414++	Statistics	SOCI 371
Social Movements	SOCI 464F	Culture	SOCI 450++
Sociology of Health & Illness	SOCI 484	Social Movements	SOCI 464W
		Criminal Justice	SOCI 470

Note: Other courses may be added. Consult the annual Guide to Sociology Courses available from the B. A. Advisor or any sociology instructor.

The standpoint of women pulls Karl Marx's strategies of inquiry into a new and marvelously flexible form, just as taffy is pulled and becomes elastic in the pulling. Marx's version of materialism is reshaped and transformed when we take up a standpoint in local actualities to explore as insiders the social relations that tie the local and particular into the generalized and generalizing relations that determine and organize our everyday lives.

Dorothy E. Smith, Canadian sociologist (1990)



L – R: Linda Deutschmann, Vicki Nygaard, Becki Ross, John Cleveland, David MacLennan, and Nan McBlane .

Sociologists in The Department at UCC

John Cleveland went to high school in rural Nova Scotia after living in or visiting countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. John's first degree was in Drama (Hons. English) at Dalhousie-Kings and his MA thesis (SFU) and Ph.D dissertation (York) were feminist analyses of gender issues. He is currently publishing research about 1960s social movements, started while he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Toronto. John teaches courses in Historical and Political Sociology, Women, Marriage and Family, Statistics and Survey Design. He loves drama of all kinds (preferably real life), dancing, tennis, baseball and any kind of politics that pits ordinary people against the establishment.

Linda Deutschmann attended high school in Toronto and Switzerland, and she completed undergraduate work in Quebec, France and Canada. Her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. were all obtained from the University of Toronto. Linda's primary interests are: criminology, books, and the avoidance of boring meetings. Her publications include: *Triumph of the Will*, an analysis of the mobilization of Germany under the National Socialists in the 1930s, and *Deviance and Social Control*, a Canadian textbook on deviance. Among her current projects, she lists: becoming familiar with the criminological aspects of the Kamloops area, completing a book on Careers in Crime, co-authoring a text on Social Problems, and preparing new courses to expand student choices. Linda has numerous hobbies including horses, reading detective and mystery novels and motherly meddling (two teenagers, one husband, two cats, one dog, one horse).

David MacLennan earned a Ph.D. from York University and taught Sociology for three years at the University of Western Ontario before coming to UCC in 1989. His most recent published work is a co-authored study of neo-conservative school reform in Canada, Great Britain and the United States which appeared in the *British Journal of the Sociology of Education*. Other research and teaching interests include schooling and equality, and the professionalization of teachers and health-care workers. Born and raised in B.C., he is an enthusiastic participant in the Kamloops lifestyle, though he has yet to catch a fish and makes occasional trips to the coast "to take the sea air." During the winter he skis (when he can find the time) and in the summer he enjoys camping with his family.

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